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SUBJECT: WMO/UNDP/CILSS HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL PROGRAM

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1. EMBOFF CONTACTED WALLNER, DIRECTOR OF THE SAHEL SECTION OF MINISTRY FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION, TO URGE FRG SUPPORT FOR HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL PROJECT. WALLNER, WHO WILL ATTEND GENEVA MEETINGS NEXT WEEK, STATED THAT THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC HAS NO INTEREST IN THIS PROJECT. HE RECOUNTED THE SIZEABLE FRG PROGRAM IN THE SAHEL COUNTRIES AND EMPHASIZED THE CLOSE BILATERAL CONTACTS WHICH THE FRG MAINTAINS WITH THE SAHEL STATES. ALTHOUGH THE FRG IS INTERESTED IN FURTHER DONOR COOPERATION, THEY WOULD PREFER DIRECT CONSULTATION WITH THE SAHEL COUNTRIES ON SPECIFIC PROJECTS RATHER THAN THE PROJECT-LIST METHOD USED BY WMO/UNDP. MOREOVER, THE MINISTRY FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION WOULD BE HARD PRESSED TO FIND ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR SAHEL PROJECTS AT THIS TIME SINCE THE FEDERAL BUDGET IS EXTREMELY TIGHT.

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2. WALLNER HAS HEARD THAT SEVERAL ARAB STATES AND EAST BLOC DONORS HAVE BEEN INVITED TO THE CONFERENCE. HE IS HOPEFUL THAT ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR SAHEL DEVELOPMENT CAN BE MOBILIZED BY THESE DONORS, AND HE CONFESSED THAT THIS WAS THE ONLY REASON FOR HIS ATTENDANCE. AS TO THE HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL PROJECT ITSELF, WALLNER NOTED THAT UNDP WILL APPARENTLY PROVIDE \$3.6 MILLION FOR THE PROJECT. HE FELT THAT THE US COULD PAY THE BALANCE WITHOUT GREAT DIFFICULTY.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: WALLNER DOES NOT SEE ANY NEED TO ATTEND A JUNE 30 MEETING ON THE PROJECT, BUT HE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THE NAMES OF US DELEGATES TO THE MEETING IN CASE PRE-CONFERENCE CONSULTATION ON OTHER SUBJECTS IS DESIRED.

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